

GEORGE-LITTLE ROCK COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
WORK SESSION

The George-Little Rock Board of Education met in work session on Monday, October 9, 2017 in the Library in George. Board President Doug Krull called the work session to order at 5:30 pm. Board members present were Doug Krull, Wade Netten, Todd Klein, and Kristi Landis. Curt Fiedler was unable to attend. Also in attendance were Superintendent John Eyerly, Board Secretary Cathy Bonestroo, Principal Kevin Range, Principal Molly Schilling, and guest Valecia West. Special guests in attendance were Shawn Snyder and Patti Schroeder from Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB). A reminder was given that work sessions are different than regular sessions with no questions or comments during the presentation. Any questions or concerns may be addressed during the regular meeting's public comment period. Shawn and Patti presented the financial focus for George-Little Rock with 5 year projections. Board versus management duties was discussed. GLR trend information was compared to other similar sized districts with 77% to salaries and benefits. General Fund key indicators were discussed with open enrollment numbers a concern and a high cost for the district. A goal statement for unspent authorized budget ratio was recommended along with a 5 year projection for spending authority to identify the needs for budget adjustments. Tax rate was discussed with the overall tax rate low compared to other districts at about 50% of some other comparable districts. Concerns shared were the low state aid and the decreasing enrollment with enrollment the driving force of the budget. Categorical funds for specific purposes account for a large portion of unspent authorized budget, with reducing the balance on categorical funds resulting in negatively impacting the unspent authorized budget. Recommendation was to continue to monitor closely and have a focused financial plan with an incremental plan for categorical funds. Department of Education enrollment trend and projections were discussed. Funding was compared to silos of funding with the clear understanding that different funds cannot be mixed, with the example of school improvement funding not being able to mix from other funds such as the general fund. It was presented that according to Iowa Code, home light rule will still operate under Dillon's Rule for school districts. The work session was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

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REGULAR SESSION

The George-Little Rock Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, October 9, 2017 in the Library in George. Board President Doug Krull called the meeting to order at 6:55 pm with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Doug Krull, Wade Netten, Todd Klein, and Kristi Landis. Curt Fiedler was unable to attend. Also in attendance were Superintendent John Eyerly, Board Secretary Cathy Bonestroo, Principal Kevin Range, Principal Molly Schilling, and guest Valecia West. A quorum was established. Citizens were invited to address the board with no discussion brought forward.

Superintendent Eyerly recognized the football and cross country teams, volunteers who helped adjust to host the cross country meet at the high school instead of the country club. Principal Range recognized

marching band and their placements at recent competitions and the fire department for their school visit. Principal Schilling recognized preschool and their trip to Casey's.

An adopted agenda was requested to add some bills. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Netten, seconded by Klein, and carried 4-0.

Adjustment was announced to move Tuesday meetings to Monday meetings for regular board meetings which was mistakenly spoken at the last meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Netten, seconded by Klein, and carried 4-0.

A motion to approve the bills was made by Landis, seconded by Netten, and carried 4-0.

A motion to approve the financial reports was made by Netten, seconded by Landis, and carried 4-0.

The board reviewed the IASB Convention with recommendation for the board to consider attending. Ms. Bonestroo introduced the business procedures manual and bus rules with consideration for bus policy suggestions. Board recognized the manual as a good start for guidance. Mr. Eyerly reported that bus drivers attended a meeting to understand and implement plans for student behaviors. Policies for review will be presented at upcoming meetings. GLR is benefitting from their second year of participation with a free tractor lease for a new tractor from Rock County Implement.

Superintendent Eyerly reported on the high school heating system and moving the insulation to accommodate the heating system and give board time to decide what to do with the heating system. Air exchanges and grill filters will be added to improve air quality with the board encouraged to look at the boiler room area. Certified enrollment numbers were estimated at 444.5 with 12 open enrolled in and 36 open enrolled out. PPEL vote renewal will expire in 2020. Board will have a public hearing in the near future to recommend to keep the level the same. Disposal of assets list is being accumulated to present at the public hearing in November. Equity audit will be November 13, 14, and 15 as never had an equity audit in the history of the district. Adjustments to the date may be possible due to the school board convention.

A motion to approve the first reading of Policy 905.01 and forego the second reading was made by Netten, seconded by Klein, and carried 4-0.

A motion to approve the 2017-18 substitute handbook was made by Landis, seconded by Netten, and carried 4-0.

A motion to table the amended equipment lease agreement to add faxing for the elementary in order to get estimates for fax machines was made by Netten, seconded by Klein, and carried 4-0. It was questioned how often faxes were sent versus scanning and emailing.

A motion to approve the open enrollment out request was made by Netten, seconded by Landis, and carried 4-0.

A motion to approve the NASA trip request to support the cost of one staff sponsor and provide school transportation to the charter bus location was made by Landis, seconded by Netten, and carried 4-0.

A motion to approve the \$.33 regular PPEL levy per \$1000 was made by Netten, seconded by Klein, and carried 4-0.

A motion to approve the World Food Prize trip request for TAG students was made by Netten, seconded by Klein, and carried 4-0.

A motion to approve the new fee structure was made by Landis, seconded by Klein, and carried 4-0.

A motion to approve Kevin Range as 504 Coordinator, Molly Schilling as Title IX Coordinator, and Kevin Range as Equity Coordinator was made by Netten, seconded by Klein, and carried 4-0.

Superintendent Eyerly encouraged the board to review the IASB financial focus shared in the work session. District daycare will be researched as a possibility for the future.

Board work session/retreat will be held Wednesday, October 25 at 5:30 pm with Les Douma at the high school library in George.

The next regular board meeting was set for Monday, November 13 at 8:00 pm in Little Rock.

A motion to adjourn was made by Netten, seconded by Landis, and carried 4-0.